

Minutes of the Health and Human Services Board and Committee

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Chairs Stamsta and Farrell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Duane Stamsta (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Rob Hutton, Bill Kramer, Barbara Roncke, Andy Kallin. **Absent:** Sandy Wolff

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), JoAnn Weidmann, Dick Wutt, and Supervisors Duane Paulson, Barbara Roncke, Duane Stamsta and Vera Stroud. **Absent:** Mike O'Brien and Abril Medina

Also Present: Health and Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Deputy Director Don Maurer, Public Health Manager Dr. Nancy Healy Haney, Adolescent and Family Services Manager, Pat Voss, Child and Family Services Manager Jesús Mireles, Intake and Support Services Manager, Antwayne Robertson, AODA Advisory Committee Chair Harlow Bielefeldt, AODA Advisory Committee member Dinah Van Krevel-Polzin and guest Simone Hamley, Human Services Supervisor Bill Graham, Sr. AODA Counselor Gina Bauer, Addiction Resource Center Executive Director Claudia Roska, Child and Family Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) Chair, Lynne Ketchum, CAFSAC members Jane DeGeorge Joanna Hemschemeyer and Joe Vitelli, Coordinator of Children's Mental Health Eve Altizer and Public Health Advisory Committee member Dr. Robert Feulner.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Approve Minutes of 3-2-06

MOTION: Kramer moved, seconded by Roncke to approve the minutes of March 2, 2006. Motion carried 5-0.

Duane Stamsta announced that this would be his last meeting as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. He is retiring as County Board Supervisor as of April 2006.

Executive Committee Report

Stamsta reported that at the last Executive Committee meeting on March 27th, they discussed in detail the downsizing of the county board. The ordinance did fail before the County Board, but that this topic will most likely be brought up again. They also discussed the realignment of the Waukesha City Bypass which has been in the works for 20+ years which would include the City of Waukesha, Town of Waukesha and City of Pewaukee. The State is trying to delay this project. The County is ready for their rebuilding of the road and we will come up with an environmental plan they will reconsider.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Kramer made a motion seconded by Roncke to approve attendance by any committee member to the WCHSA Spring Conference in Madison. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to Allow Secretary Andy Kallin to Approve the Final Set(s) of Committee Minutes on Behalf of the Health and Human Services Committee

MOTION: Kramer made a motion seconded by Roncke to allow Kallin to approve the final sets of committee minutes on behalf of the Health and Human Services Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Approve Minutes of March 2, 2006

MOTION: Wutt made a motion seconded by Weidmann to approve the minutes of March 2, 2006. Motion carried 7-0.

Announcements

Farrell announced that lunch today will be provided by the Waukesha Training Center.

Schuler announced that at the last meeting the subject of Public Health being able to have access to the WEB without the WEBSense filter was raised. This was an unmet need for the Public Health Division. However, since that meeting, the problem has been resolved and Public Health now has the manager's and a supervisor's computer set up without the filter in order to access websites with necessary public health related information.

Meeting Approvals

Wutt announced that the Rosie O'Toole meeting that he received approval to attend at the last meeting was cancelled and rescheduled to April 27th.

MOTION: Roncke made a motion seconded by Weidmann to approve Wutt's attendance at the meeting on April 27th. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Roncke made a motion seconded by Weidmann to approve attendance by any board member to the WCHSA Spring Conference in Madison. Motion carried 7-0.

If anyone needs a registration form please contact Kathy Leach at (262) 548-7675 or by e-mail at kleach@waukeshacounty.gov

Future Agenda Items

Weidmann would like to have a representative from Environmental Health attend the next meeting to provide an update and what they are doing regarding emergency planning.

OWI Assessment Charge Increase

Claudia Roska, Executive Director of Addiction Resource Council (ARC) is coming before the Board and Committee to request an increase in client fees in the Intoxicated Driver Program. She handed out a fact sheet which gave reasons for the increase, the amount of the increase, and a comparison to what other larger counties are charging. There was discussion regarding the need for additional staff based on the need for additional time to do an assessment. Assessment time will be increased from 1-½ hours to 2 hours. Roska stated that just tracking the number of insurance plans is almost a full-time job. The assessment is court-ordered and is done to determine if a person needs treatment or not. The client does have the choice of their treatment provider, but the assessment fee is not covered by insurance. The Council does its own collections if non-payment, not the courts. With regard to translator fees, Roska stated that this is an area of concern, but they don't have specific figures for this. They do have staff that can cover the Hispanic population, but they are starting to get requests for other languages, i.e. Asian

dialects and if they hire a translator that takes most, if not all, of the assessment fee. They will continue to study the need for the increase up until June and if the amount changes she will again come before this board and committee. The proposed increase will take effect as of July 1, 2006. Roska stated she would be happy to present an annual report to the board and committee.

MOTION: Weidmann made a motion on behalf of the Board seconded by Roncke to approve the increase in fees. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Kramer made a motion on behalf of the Committee seconded by Hutton to approve the increase in fees. Motion carried 5-0.

AODA Advisory Committee Needs List Presentation

Harlow Bielefeldt, Chair of the AODA Advisory Committee presented the 2007 Needs List. Bielefeldt began his presentation with his own experience and shared the work of the AODA volunteers. In 2005 the volunteers contributed over 2000 hours. They are a group of 45 – 50 men and women who are recovering alcoholics or recovering drug addicts who share their experience, strength and hope with people whose lives are coming apart because of alcohol or drugs. Alcohol and drug abuse affects 1 in 4 families. The AODA Advisory Committee is requesting that the County maintain the level of services currently provided our citizens who suffer from these addiction diseases. They are asking that additional services be provided as follows:

- 1) Address the epidemic of oxycontin and heroin abuse by creating a study group to identify best practice treatment, contracting for services from the best practice providers and establishing detox criteria – no additional cost.
- 2) Partner with other agencies to institute a pilot ambulatory detox facility to provide short-term detox for the homeless or those unable to find appropriate housing (private short-term funding.)
- 3) Create a workgroup of interested public and private agencies to develop an integrated continuum of AODA best practice care throughout the various branches of county government including the new Alcohol and Drug Court, the main Jail, and the Huber facility – no additional cost.
- 4) Provide supplemental AODA volunteer training in cognitive restructuring and mentoring skills to increase the potential for volunteer contributions in other venues – estimated cost is \$5,000.

The ¾ way house that was on a previous unmet need list has been met by the private sector. There are two houses – one for men and the other is divided between men and women. The ambulatory facility would be for that small population, particularly men, who wear out their welcome at the Salvation Army, etc. and are not allowed to take shelter there. They have nowhere to go and are in need of a detox opportunity. The proposal is to partner with other agencies such as the Addiction Resource Council to put together such a facility. When asked what the total cost of the AODA issue is, staff member Gina Bauer explained that they are budgeted to spend \$16,000 a month for each month. In February, they spent \$28,000 and they are over budget. There is a problem with heroin and Oxycontin among young people and they are being dropped off at detox. The facility gives them about 3 or 4 days to detox, which really is not enough time, so many of them return. We have no control over the length of treatment

since detox is a medical issue and depending on the provider a person can be approved for 3 days to 14 days for treatment.

Schuler stated that regarding the training issue for AODA volunteers, that would come under the Criminal Justice group. He will meet with AODA and through the Programs and Alternatives committee of the Criminal Justice Council will cover this issue. He is offering himself and the Programs and Committee group to put together programs and this can be the beginning.

Child and Family Services Advisory Committee Needs Presentation

Lynne Ketchum, Chair of the Child and Family Services Advisory Committee introduced members of the committee present. Ketchum, along with Jane DeGeorge and Joanna Hemschemeyer played out a dramatization of a fictional Waukesha County family where the husband lost his job, his wife was hurt on the job and with the company not paying for treatment and litigation taking years, a son having issues with delinquency, a daughter who is often ill and the husband's sister who was beat up by husband and had no money. They went through the different agencies the family could call for help starting with 211 and the referrals made by them. Throughout the dramatization, Ketchum, DeGeorge or Hemschemeyer would refer to one of the five needs on the 2007 Needs List. The first need of the committee is to adequately support programs that assist families in maintaining household stability and their current living situations. CAFSAC is recommending the restoration of the budget reductions in various programs in 2006 such as services for victims of child abuse and neglect, children at risk of out of home placements, juvenile monitoring and restorative justice programs, supervised visitation for non-custodial parents, respite care for parents in crisis or with children with special needs and supportive education for parents with developmental disabilities. This need would cost \$122,859. They also asked that services to severely emotionally disturbed children be increased to include wrap-around delivery system and flexible funding for summer, after school and weekend programs to prevent costly out-of-home placements. This would require \$31,000. Providing increased funding to 211 would cost an additional \$25,000. This cost would cover adequately staffing the program due to increased volume of calls. In 2005, there were 3,434 more calls than in 2004. The last need is to provide continued support for the collaboration that is necessary to facilitate the Child Advocacy Center. This involves the support of Health and Human Services staff as well as other county contract agencies.

It was explained that the funding for 211 is in no way related to the \$58,000 Mental Health Crisis grant we are receiving from the State through Milwaukee County. That grant money is connected to training a peer support group to help people with mental illness. The purpose of 211 is for information and referral services before a situation becomes a crisis. Stamsta had asked if the \$122,859 was the actual cut from last year. Yes it was an actual cut of services not an increase. He and other members would like to see the breakdown of the services that we cut and by how much. He feels that it needs to be documented before bringing it before the board when they are doing their prioritization of needs and presenting to the County Executive. Agencies have done a number of fundraisers to help with these cuts. The county does contract with vendors because it is more economical than hiring staff, but those vendors in turn are unable to pay their staff as well so usually have a high turnover rate. The homeless shelters are seeing a record increase in the number of people seeking shelter. They are not necessarily turning them away, but people are sleeping on sofas and floors. Stamsta stated that the board and committee would need black and white numbers between needs and wants. Ketchum stated that the Housing Authority funding has been cut and they will not be taking anyone off the waiting list at

least until the early part of next year. Jeskewitz asked if we keep track of what areas these people come from, i.e. Waukesha, Milwaukee, or other counties. The Housing Authority and the shelters do not turn anyone away, but people signing up for housing from Milwaukee County usually don't stay because they have no support system – no family or friends and transportation is an issue. Both Sienna House and Hebron House have waiting lists and they refer people to other counties if they need housing.

Performance Standards for Governance Boards

Weidmann stated that Public Health received only three of the surveys that were passed out at the March 2, 2006 meeting. She asked about the experience of filling out the survey – was it confusing? Your answers do provide some help and how we, as a Health Board, are fulfilling that role. You can leave them at the County Board office and they in turn will forward on to Public Health. We will move on to Essential Services #2 and answer those questions related to that area. Please have them back by April 7th. The importance of this exercise is assuring the board is doing what the statutes demand. You received this information at the March 2nd meeting in a yellow folder. Weidmann is attending a conference to learn how to develop a plan for performance results. A booklet entitled “Waukesha County Health Report Card” was also handed out. The Health Council is responsible for this booklet. The Council was formed in 1995 and one of its most important functions is the monitoring and reporting of health data to the community. The group is multi-faceted and includes representatives from a number of health systems including non-profits.

Weidmann noted that the Health & Human Services Board previously identified and advocated for an epidemiologist and given the experience of Hurricane Katrina and numerous new expectations for Public Health, we now have to ask for the position of Preparedness Coordinator. There is much more preparedness work than can be handled by the present public health staff and the regular required work of Public Health is itself taxing the capacity of the whole Division. We as a County are getting more and more urban type problems because we are not as suburban as we once were. We need to assure there is coordination between all that are involved in the assessment and dissemination of information. We need to get reports from Environmental Health and they will be invited once again to participate in an upcoming meeting. Another booklet was handed out covering the Public Health Division Biostatistical Activity Report.

Adjournment

MOTION: Kramer made a motion, seconded by Stamsta to adjourn the Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Wutt made a motion, seconded by Stroud to adjourn the Board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Kallin
Secretary for the Committee